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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A device for preparing a heated liquid using a beverage-making appliance, said device comprising:

a reservoir that sealably holds a liquid in a sealed foil;

a liquid transport channel in communication with the reservoir for transporting the liquid when the reservoir is unsealed;

a steam inlet which is connectable to a steam generator of the beverage-making appliance for generating steam and heating the liquid flowing out of the liquid transport channel to form the heated liquid;

a liquid outlet for outputting the heated liquid;

means for transporting a combined flow of at least the liquid and the steam to the liquid outlet; and

a cartridge in which the reservoir, the liquid transport channel, the means for transporting, and the liquid outlet are provided, wherein the cartridge is detachably connected to the device beverage-making appliance and the cartridge is disposable after

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the sealed foil is unsealed.

2.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for transporting comprise a first chamber and a second chamber, wherein the liquid transport channel discharges into the first chamber, and said first chamber comprises the steam inlet, and wherein the second chamber is connected to the first chamber via a restriction and comprises the liquid outlet.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

4.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cartridge is detachably connectable to the appliance via the steam inlet.

5.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said liquid transport channel comprises an air inlet.

6.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the air inlet is closable.

7.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 6, wherein a valve is provided for opening and closing the air inlet.

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8.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises milk.

9.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises liquid coffee extract.

10.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first chamber comprises a water inlet which is connectable to a water reservoir.

11.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least the second chamber is provided with obstructions for enhancing frothing of liquid in the second chamber during operation.

12.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reservoir is a refillable reservoir.

13.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the reservoir is provided in an element which is moveable between a first position in which the element covers components including the liquid transport channel, the first chamber, the steam inlet, the restriction, the second chamber, and the liquid outlet during operation, and a

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second position in which the element leaves the components exposed for cleaning purposes in a non-operating status.

14.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beverage-making appliance comprises a space for receiving the device for preparing the heated liquid.

15.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the beverage-making comprises the steam generator which is connectable to the steam inlet of the device upon receipt of the device in the space.

16.(Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the beverage-making appliance comprises means for opening a liquid flow path between the reservoir and the liquid channel.

Claims 17-18 (Canceled)

19.(Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, the reservoir is unsealed in response to providing the device in beverage-making appliance.

20.(Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, further comprising:

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an air inlet connectable to an air socket of the beverage-making appliance for providing air to form the liquid from the reservoir with froth, wherein the air inlet is connected to the liquid transport channel via a first restriction; and

a first chamber for receiving the steam from the steam generator of the beverage-making appliance and the liquid from the reservoir including the froth to form the heated liquid with the froth in the first chamber and providing the heated liquid with the froth to a second chamber via a second restriction to enhance the froth, wherein the liquid outlet is connected to the second chamber for output of the heated liquid with the froth.

21.(Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, further comprising:

an air inlet connectable to an air socket of the beverage-making appliance for providing air to form the liquid from the reservoir with froth; and

a chamber for receiving the steam from the steam generator of the beverage-making appliance and the liquid from the reservoir including the froth to form the heated liquid with the froth in the chamber and output the heated liquid with the froth through the liquid outlet of the device.

22.(Currently Amended) A cartridge for preparing a heated liquid using a beverage-making appliance, said cartridge comprising:

a reservoir that sealably holds a liquid in a sealed foil;

a compartment;

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a channel between the reservoir and the compartment;

a steam inlet which is connectable to a steam generator of the beverage-making appliance for providing steam into the compartment for heating the liquid provided into the compartment to form the heated liquid; and

a liquid outlet for outputting the heated liquid;

wherein the cartridge is detachable from the beverage-making appliance and the cartridge is disposable after the sealed foil is unsealed.

23.(Previously Presented) The cartridge of claim 22, wherein the reservoir is unsealed in response to providing the device in the beverage-making appliance.

24.(Currently Amended) The cartridge of claim 22, wherein the ~~reservoir comprises~~ a-sealed foil which is pierceable by a protrusion of a cover of the beverage-making appliance when the cover is closed over the cartridge.

25.(Previously Presented) The cartridge of claim 22, wherein the cartridge is a single use cartridge for discarding after a single use of preparing the heated liquid by the beverage-making appliance.

26.(Previously Presented) The cartridge of claim 22, wherein the liquid present in the reservoir does not come into contact with the beverage-making appliance.